

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re **NATIONAL PHASE** Application of )  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please preliminarily amend the subject application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please note, the amended claims are presented below in their amended form. Further, as an Attachment to the Amendment the amendments to the claims are outlined using the conventional method of bracketing and underlining.

**Please amend the following claims:**

5. **(AMENDED)** A system according to claim 1 wherein said control means is responsive to a state of the vehicle ignition system.
6. **(AMENDED)** A system according to claim 1 wherein the control valve is switchable between an inlet position, where air received at an inlet thereof passes to the reservoir via the desiccant, and an exhaust position where air in the reservoir is permitted to flow through the desiccant and control valve vent to atmosphere.